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Dear friends and lifeline holders,

It is our prayer that you are enjoying the very best of our Lord's blessings. We are so very thankful that the One Who made everything is still in control, and we need not fear anything this sinful world throws at us.

I am writing this to let you know how this old family is doing and what we are doing. I would we could report many meetings, missionaries called, and many souls saved. Thankfully all this probably did happen, but the only part we could have in that is regular prayer. My number one duty has steadily increased in demand for my time, strength, and mind. I do not doubt that this is my first responsibility. How do we do it? It is by love and the abundant grace of our loving Lord.

Doris' condition continues in the usual process of Alzheimer's disease. She is still conscious and still blesses us all with a sweet smile. This is a tremendous blessing that we have smiles and not violence. She is still somewhat mobile, with about 90 percent assistance. Otherwise, she is totally dependent on me for all of her personal needs, including all the cleaning, bathing, dressing, and even teeth brushing. She is now under the care of hospice service. I thought that this would free up some time, but at this point, it actually costs time from the visits and extra responsibilities. We are very thankful, however, for this service. It means that we do not have to make the middle of the night trips to the emergency room. They come to us. I am so very thankful for Doris and her sweet spirit through this time of testing. We are now working on our sixty-first year of marriage, and our love and appreciation are stronger now than ever. Praise God!

We had added excitement recently. I decided to take a shoulder-first dive onto the kitchen floor. Other than a tear in the rotator cuff, there were no other injuries. Also, though the tear requires surgery, we will be able to hold off on that to allow me to continue caring for Doris. A one-handed caretaker is not much good. The doctor said that it would be no problem to postpone that and recommended some exercises that help me to keep using the arm. We are thankful that the injury was not worse.

We are so very thankful for you all who keep holding the lifeline and for some caring and compassionate folks in our church that keep an eye on us and help us. We also have some precious children that keep checking up on us and help with all that they can do. Presently, we, along with most of the world, are trying to stay clear of the virus and praying for all have been exposed. We are especially careful now due to Doris' compromised immunity with Alzheimer's.

The last reports from Guam were very encouraging. It is always a big blessing to hear about what God is doing through His works. I thank God for the families that can still be there and keep the light shining. I have been blessed to have many trips there in my dreams-even to Majuro. Maybe someday!

Again, your faithful prayers and support are our lifeline and strength to carry the responsibilities that we face. It is never taken for granted, and it is deeply appreciated. We pray for you and trust God to bless and keep and multiply the fruit.

Because of Christ,

*Elwood and Doris Hurst*